

## THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

# THE GAMBIA

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The Gambian economy was dominated by agriculture and tourism; there was no significant mineral industry. The Government reported production of clays for bricks, laterite, sand and gravel, silica sand, and shells, primarily for domestic

construction needs. For more extensive coverage of the mineral industry of The Gambia, see the 1992 Minerals Yearbook, Volume III, Mineral Industries of Africa.

TABLE 1  
THE GAMBIA: ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/ 2/

(Metric tons)

Commodity	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Clay	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,200 3/
Silica sand	400,000	450,000	450,000	452,400 3/	302,600 3/

1/ Includes data available through August 14, 1998.

2/ In addition to the commodities listed, a variety of construction materials (laterite, sand, and shell) are produced; but information is inadequate to make estimates of output.

3/ Reported figure.